



WILLIAM VAN REGENMORTER

23rd Senatorial District



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Committees: Agriculture, Forestry, and Wildlife; Judiciary (Chair); Technology and Energy

Biography: Republican, of Jenison; born January 29, 1939, at Jamestown; Calvin College; married; four children; former analyst, Dun and Bradstreet; businessman; Ottawa County commissioner.

Elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1982, he was Republican Caucus Chair from 1984 until his election to the State Senate in 1990. He has written laws that protect abused children; protect the environment; reduce crime; encourage recycling; increase government accountability; reduce drunk driving; strengthen conservation enforcement; and protect the natural resources.

Senator Van Regenmorter is the author of The Crime Victim's Rights Act, now used as a national model, and sponsored an amendment to the Michigan Constitution (art. I, sec. 24). His work is the subject of a Pepperdine University Law Review article, and he is the recipient of three national awards. Van Regenmorter has been named "Legislator of the Year" five times, most recently by the Michigan Judges Association in 1990. He is Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Elected to the House of Representatives, November 1982; elected to the State Senate, 1990.

